

## SOCIAL HOST DATA

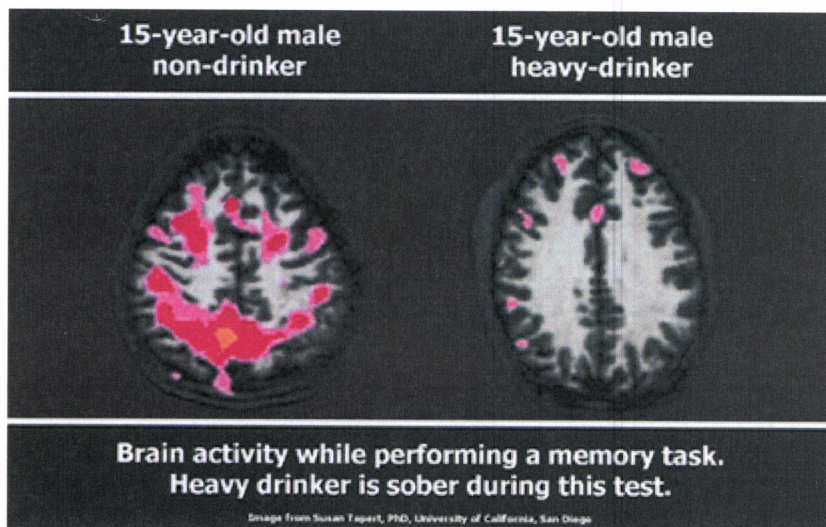
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### ALCOHOL USAGE (Montana Preventive Needs Assessment 2012)

- When asked where they get alcohol 24% of 8th graders and 18% of 10th and 12th graders state they get alcohol WITH PERMISSION from home. (MPNA 2012)
- Average age of first use of alcohol in Montana is 13.4 years. Average age of regular use is 15. (MPNA 2012)
- Kids who begin drinking before age 15 are 4-5 times more likely to develop alcohol dependence at some time in their lives. (National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism)

### Alcohol affects brain development:



*"Our youth are an especially vulnerable part of America's alcohol problem. It is time that we face underage drinking head on."*

~ Dr. Gordis, NIH

Alcohol use is more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined.

- Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among youth ages 15 to 20.
- Alcohol use interacts with conditions such as depression and stress to contribute to suicide.
- Alcohol increases sexual assault, including rape, which occurs most commonly among women in late adolescence and early adulthood.
- Research has associated adolescent alcohol use with high-risk sex (for example, having multiple partners, failing to use protection) which results in unwanted pregnancy and STDs, putting more pressure on our social systems.
- Alcohol affects the teen brain differently because of the critical brain development occurring from ages 12 through 20.